Kgalagadi language

Kgalagadi is one of the Bantu languages spoken in Botswana, along the South African border. It is spoken by about 40,000 people.[4] In the language, it is known as *Shekgalagari*.

Classification

Kgalagadi (also rendered *Kgalagari*, *Kgalagarhi*, *Kgalagari*, *Khalagari*, *Khalakadi*, *Kxhalaxadi*, *Qhalaxarzi*, *Shekgalagadi*, *Shekgalagari*, *Kqalaqadi*) is most closely related to Tswana, and until recently was classified as a dialect of Tswana.[3]

Dialects include *Shengologa, Sheshaga, Shebolaongwe, Shelala, Shekhena, Sheritjhauba* and *Shekgwatheng*.

Notes and references

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Kgalagadi	
Kalahari	
'SheKgalagadi	
Native to	Botswana
Native speakers	65,400 (2015)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Benue–Congo - Southern Bantoid - Bantu - Sotho–Tswana **Kgalagadi**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	xkv
Glottolog	kgal1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kgal1244)[2]
Guthrie code	S.311 (ex-S.31d)[3]
Linguasphere	99-AUT-eh incl. varieties 99-AUT-eha to 99-AUT-ehc